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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 9, 2010, in the above identified patent application, the time period for reply which extends to July 9, 2010, please consider the following amendments and remarks intended to place the application in clear condition for allowance. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee requesting that the due date for response to the outstanding office action, which originally extended to July 9, 2010, be extended three (3) months to and including October 9, 2010. Further, Applicants provide that this Amendment is being submitted on October 12, 2010, under the next business day rule as October 9 and 10, 2010, fell on a weekend and October 11, 2010, was a federal holiday. Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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